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SUBJECT: FLIGHT INSPECTION ASSISTANCE FOR NEPAL DCA

REF: A) STATE 35258, B) KATHMANDU 678 (NOTAL)

1. NEPAL DCA IS NOW ACTIVELY CONSIDERING RENEWAL OF REIMBURSABLE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH DOT/FAA IN ORDER FURTHER TO PURSUE QUESTION OF FLIGHT INSPECTION ASSISTANCE. PRIOR TO ACTUALLY MAKING DECISION TO SIGN AMENDMENT, HOWEVER, DCA REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF TWO POINTS RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE FLIGHT INSPECTION ASSISTANCE.

(A) BOTH DCA AND EMBASSY FIND LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REF (A) SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS. DOES IT MEAN THAT HOURLY RATE OF WORK ACTUALLY PERFORMED HERE IN NEPAL (\$774 PER AMENDMENT) WILL COVER COST OF ENROUTE TIME AS WELL? OR ARE WE SAYING THAT DCA NEPAL WILL BE PAYING \$774 PER HOUR FROM MOMENT FAA PERSONNEL SET FOOT IN AIRCRAFT ON WAY HERE AND CONTINUE DOING SO UNTIL RETURN TO HAWAII? OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL BE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN COST DEPENDING ON WHICH FORMULAR APPLIES*

(B) IF DCA NEPAL DOES HAVE TO PAY HOURLY RATE FOR EACH HOUR OF TRAVEL TIME AS WELL AS FOR WORK TIME IN COUNTRY, THEN IT WOULD HOPE TO REDUCE COSTS BY PIGGY-BACKING ONTO ANOTHER INSPECTION IN AREA. SPECIFICALLY, IF FAA TEAM WERE TO BE IN AREA COUNTRY (I.E. CLOSER THAN HAWAII, PREFEREABLY THAILAND

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OR INDIA) PRIOR TO JULY 1978, PRESUMABLY DCA NEPAL WOULD PAY ONLY FOR TRAVEL HOURS FROM THIS CLOSER POINT. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO POSSIBILITIES.

2. DEPENDING ON SATISFACTORY ANSWERS TO ABOVE, DCA NEPAL LIKELY TO SIGN AMENDMENT AND SUBMIT DETAILS OF REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AS PER QUESTIONS POSED PARAS 3.BAND C REF (A).

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